

Indiana Regulatory Occupations Evaluation Committee Minutes of the February 29, 2012 Committee Meeting

Call to Order & Establishment of Quorum

The Regulatory Occupations Evaluation Committee (ROEC) meeting was called to order on Wednesday, February 29, 2012 in the Government Center South Conference Room W064 at 9:00 a.m.

Committee members present:

- John Graham, Committee Chair
- Barry Boudreaux
- Frances Kelly
- Dave Miller
- Sally Spiers
- Rita Springer

IPLA staff members present:

- Gale Albright
- Marty Allain
- Lisa Bentley

Review of Minutes of January 25, 2012 meeting

The January 25, 2012 minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved by committee members.

Committee discussion - Findings and Recommendations of the Physician Assistant Committee and the Real Estate Appraiser Licensure & Certification Board

The committee was reminded that real estate appraiser licensure is federally mandated and their job is to protect the consumer in the loan processing transaction. Audits are conducted through the federal appraisal subcommittee every two years and reports are filed regarding the sub committee's findings.

Frances Kelly pointed out that the federal government visits the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency once or twice a year to conduct an audit of licensing and disciplinary files. She further stated they have been known to take the board to task regarding matters such as the timeliness of licensing individuals, disciplinary issues as well as other concerns they see as important.

Real Estate Appraisers Licensure and Certification Board stated they are currently happy with their current regulation. The general consensus among real estate appraisers is they want to remain as status quo.

Physician Assistant Committee

Barry Boudreaux declared that Mr. Jacobs did a wonderful job outlining the case for physician assistants (PA). He stated that the questions and clarifications that followed the discussion during the January 29th ROEC meeting left the committee feeling very strongly that this is a needed profession. Discussion ensued around the PA authority, chart review issues and the relationship with the physician community.

Barry indicated that there could be some additional clarification given regarding the written agreement, the terms of the written agreement and the ability to designate authority to another physician in the absence of a home physician. Frances Kelly explained that some of the written language regarding PAs is fairly vague and they have indicated they would like to clear up some of the very issues that Barry Boudreaux is referring to.

Mr. Jacobs explained that Indiana State Medical Association has been much more supportive of PAs within the last two to three years. He said that after having several discussions with ISMA it is their hope to have better relationships, so that the physicians and PAs can work together as a medical team to support the citizens of the state of Indiana.

A representative from the Indiana State Medical Association, Mike Rinebold, was also present and spoke to the committee. He explained that their relationship with the PAs is very positive and that they do value the PA as part of the “medical team approach”. He also feels it is important to hear from the physicians that sit on the Indiana Medical Board that oversee the PA Committee. He told ROEC that he preferred they did not get involved in the scope of practice issues but would leave that to the General Assembly. He further stated that ISMA supports the PA Committee explaining they are effective in licensing PAs and protecting the public.

Frances Kelly stated that she views ROEC’s role as an entity that has been created to review the committees and boards by making recommendations on how they can be more effective, productive, and continue to protect the citizens of the State of Indiana. She said that while this may bleed over into scope of practice, their recommendations are just that and it will ultimately be up to the General Assembly to make any types of changes.

It was pointed out that the Governor is currently looking at Indiana’s under-served areas that have little or no medical assistance and has questioned why there are so few physician assistants in Indiana in comparison to other states.

ROEC members made the decision to create a subcommittee, consisting of Barry Boudreaux and Frances Kelly, to further flush out the problems and issues being encountered by physician assistants to see if they might be able to put forth a reasonable recommendation.

HB 1006 Review

Chairman Graham stated that the Governor wants the committee to know that he was prepared for confrontation and was not surprised with the amount of pushback that was received. John asked committee members how this committee could go forward and what changes should be made for the next set of recommendations.

It was stated that most members felt they did their job well and the process is valid. It was also pointed out that they could have focused more on the alternate recommendations instead of elimination of boards.

The committee came up with five points to remember while developing future recommendations:

- 1) Develop recommendations with the understanding they may not be popular or accepted.
- 2) Recommendations should be more point specific.
- 3) More reports spread out over the year instead of everything combined in one report.
- 4) Focus more on Part B.
- 5) Dialogue early with legislators.

Review Schedule

MAY 23, 2012 – 9am-12pm

- Discussion of IPLA/Regulatory Cross-Cutting Issues

JUNE 20, 2012 – 9am – 2pm

- Finalize Report to HEALTH FINANCE COMMISSION (due not later than 7/1/2012)

AUGUST 22, 2012 – 9am-3pm

- Respiratory Care Committee – “Part A & B” presentation
- Indiana Auctioneer Commission – “Part A & B” presentation
- Findings and Recommendations of the Respiratory Care Committee and the Indiana Auctioneer Commission

SEPTEMBER 19, 2012 – 9am-12pm

- Discussion of IPLA/Regulatory Cross-Cutting Issues

OCTOBER 24, 2012 – 9am-3pm

- Indiana Plumbing Commission – “Part A & B” presentation
- Indiana State Psychology Board – “Part A & B” presentation
- Findings and Recommendations of the Indiana Plumbing Commission and the Indiana State Psychology Board

DECEMBER 5, 2012 – 9am-12pm

- TBD

Adjournment

Chairperson Graham adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:26 a.m.

Dean John Graham, Chair

Date

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Next Scheduled Meeting:

April 18, 2012

9:00 a.m.

Indiana Government Center South
Conference Center Room W064